

STATEMENT OF FREDERICK BERNARD VEAL

Today's date is March 11, 1997. The location is the Leflore Sheriff's Department. The following is a voluntary statement from Frederick Bernard Veal. This statement is given to myself, John Johnson, Investigator with the District Attorney's Office and Sheriff Ricky Banks of the Leflore County Sheriff's Department.

Johnson: Mr. Veal, you were placed in jail last Tuesday. Is that correct?

Veal: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: And that was your sister that filed an affidavit on you for unauthorized use of her vehicle?

Veal: Yes, Sir. Grand Larceny is what they charged me with.

Johnson: You turned yourself in. Is that correct?

Veal: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: You were placed in jail and while in jail you shared a cell with a man named Curtis Flowers. Is that correct?

Veal: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: Did you know Curtis Flowers prior to being placed in jail with him?

Veal: No, Sir. I had never seen him or knew nothing about him.

Johnson: I think you indicated earlier that you had a conversation with Curtis Flowers and he made some comments about some charges against them. Is that correct?

Veal: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: How did that come about? When did it happen?

Veal: It happened Thursday morning, the sixth. About 4:00 A. M. me and him was playing dominos. We had been up all night. We just got to talking and I was telling about a similar case, how I beat the similar case. Some charges were brought on me. How I beat my case. He asked me how he could beat his case. Then he started talking about what he was charged with and they got him for capital murder on four people.

Johnson: Had you heard about the murders there in Montgomery County?

Veal: Yeah, I heard about it. I heard four people had got killed in a furniture store. That is about all I knew about it.

Johnson: O. K. What did Curtis Flowers tell you?

Veal: He told me that he killed the people in the furniture store. He killed the four people in the furniture store. He said that he was mad and he went in there and he just clicked.

Johnson: Did he say why he clicked?

Veal: He just said he was mad. I did not go into details about it.

Johnson: O.K. Did he say who he killed first or how he went about doing this?

Veal: He told me he killed the lady first and killed the young boy last. He did not go into no details.

Johnson: Did he say why he killed the lady first?

Veal: No, Sir. He didn't.

Johnson: Did he say anything about why he killed the little boy last?

Veal: Yes, Sir. He did not want no witness he said. He did not want to kill him but he could not leave no witness.

Johnson: I think in an interview prior to this you indicated that these people knew him. Is that correct?

Veal: Yes, Sir. He told me he used to work in the store. He told me he used to work in the furniture store.

Johnson: Did he say why he did not work there now?

Veal: No, Sir. He did not tell me why he got fired or quit or nothing like that. He didn't tell me none of that.

Johnson: Did he say what he got out of the store?

Veal: He told me he got twenty something hundred out of the store.

Johnson: What did he do when he left the store?

Veal: He told me after he left the store, he went and started smoking crack. He started off buying a \$100 piece and before he knew it he said he had smoked up \$1000.

Johnson: Then what did he do?

Veal: He just told me he left and went back to Texas and started working in a grocery store.

Johnson: I think in an interview prior to this, you said you thought it was a Kroger?

Veal: It was a Kroger grocery store.

Johnson: And he worked?

Veal: He worked two shifts.

Johnson: He worked two shifts?

Veal: The morning shift and then come back later on that night and worked.

Johnson: Who all did he say had done this with him?

Veal: He told me he was by himself. He said he did not need nobody to do it with him. He said he ain't going to tell on himself. Everything he always did, he did it by himself.

Johnson: I think in an interview prior to this you indicated that he was not worried about this. They got me and all they got on me is circumstantial evidence.

Veal: Yes, Sir. He also told me that they did not have anything but circumstantial evidence. It was not even enough evidence to convict him. He feels that he is going to get out. He said the town is behind him. He said he feels he is going to get off of this and go on back to Texas.

Johnson: But he indicated that he did it but they just can't prove it?

Veal: He did it but they just can not prove it.

Johnson: Did he tell you anything about the gun, like where he got it or what he has done with it?

Veal: No, Sir.

Johnson: Did he tell you anything about any evidence?

Veal: No, Sir. He ain't told me none of that and I did not ask.

Johnson: Again, Mr. Veal, I want to point out that you learned this information. You sent word that you wanted to talk to Sheriff Banks. He contacted me. Has Sheriff Banks or myself, either one, promised you any reward for telling us this information?

Veal: Oh, No, Sir. I volunteered this on my own. Nothing has been promised to me. I get treated like everybody else gets treated. No favors or nothing.

Johnson: No, money?

Veal: No, money, no nothing. No special favors about my charge or nothing.

Johnson: But my point is, the Sheriff or myself have not even discussed nothing like with you, have we?

Veal: No, Sir. I brought it to them. I brought it to Mr. Banks. Nobody said nothing to me. I am the one that brought this to Mr. Banks.

Johnson: That will conclude the statement. The time is now 3:50 P. M.

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Ended 3:50 P.M.

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MARCH 6th THURSDAY ap. 4:00 A.M.

Strung-out on CRACK at time. "I clicked"
"I Kill the Lady First"

"I Did not want to kill ^{that} little boy, but I could not leave any witnesses."

Killed Four people. "They know me."

"I Killed that little boy last."

"I got away with 20-something ^{hundred} thousand dollars."

"I then left town and went to Texas and worked at a Grocery store."

"I had been fired."

"I did this by my self, and as long as I am by self nobody going to tell on me, because I'm not going to tell on my self."

"I'm not worried, all they got on me is circumstantial evidence I'm going to beat this."

"I Got everybody in Winona on my side, nobody believes I could have done this. "I did it, but they can't prove it."